

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR**  
**ALLOWANCE AND REMARKS**

Claims 13 and 17 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new issues have been raised which would require further search or consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants note that the Examiner has stated that the pending claims are allowable, in part, in view of the reasons for allowance set forth in their parent application serial no. 09/777,516. Applicants assert that their instant claims recite different subject matter from the claims in their parent application. For example, in the instant claims, the ions introduced into the first substrate are not limited to a particular ionic species. Accordingly, Applicants assert that their instant claims are allowable over the prior art in view of the recited subject matter and are independently patentable over the claims of their parent application.

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